

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of archiving data in a memory, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) classifying the data according to a desired lifetime thereof; and
 - (b) archiving the data in the memory using a storage method having a reliability in accordance with said desired lifetime.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said storage method includes a parameter, a value whereof is set in accordance with said classifying to control said reliability.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said parameter is a programming voltage pulse increment.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein said parameter is a target threshold voltage.
5. The method of claim 2, wherein said parameter is a programming voltage pulse width.
6. The method of claim 2, wherein said parameter is a starting programming voltage.
7. The method of claim 2, wherein said parameter is a maximum number of programming voltage pulses.

8. The method of claim 2, wherein said parameter is a maximum programming voltage.

9. The method of claim 2, wherein said parameter is a number of levels per cell of the memory.

10. A system for archiving data, comprising:

- (a) a mechanism for classifying the data according to a desired lifetime thereof; and
- (b) a memory having a controller operative to archive the data in said memory using a storage method having a reliability in accordance with said desired lifetime.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein said mechanism includes a processor for running an application that produces and classifies the data.

12. The system of claim 10, wherein said mechanism includes an input device wherewith a user classifies the data.

13. The system of claim 10, wherein said memory is a non-volatile memory.

14. The system of claim 10, wherein said storage method includes a parameter, a value whereof is set in accordance with said classifying to control said reliability.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein said memory is an EPROM including a plurality of cells.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein said parameter is an increment of a voltage pulse used to program said cells.

17. The system of claim 15, wherein said parameter is a target threshold voltage of said cells.

18. The system of claim 15, wherein said parameter is a width of programming voltage pulses used to program said cells.

19. The system of claim 15, wherein said parameter is a starting voltage used to program said cells.

20. The system of claim 15, wherein said parameter is a maximum number of programming voltage pulses used to program said cells.

21. The system of claim 15, wherein said parameter is a maximum voltage used to program said cells.

22. The system of claim 15, wherein said parameter is a number of programming levels of said cells.